Failure of IGMDP of DRDO

1532. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme of the Defence Research and Development Organisation remains a venture matchless for its repeated and expensive failures;

(b) if so, what are the specific reasons for the failure; and

(c) the remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No, Sir. Missiles *viz* Prithvi, Agni (Technology Demonstrator) were developed under a separate project following successful demonstration of Agni under Integrated Guided Missiles Development Programme (IGMDP) and have already been inducted into Services. Other variants of these like Agni-I & II, Dhanush and Prithvi-II have also been developed successfully and inducted. Development of Akash and Nag missiles have been completed. These are ready for user trials, after which they will enter into induction and production phase. Development of Trishul missile has also been completed. DRDO is in dialogue with Indian Air Force for possible induction of Trishul missile after jointly developing the user trial criteria.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Regulating middlemen in defence deals

1533. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is reported to have stated recently that the country's defence purchases cannot take place without the assistance of middlemen, associated with the defence industries;

(b) whether he also stated that there should be a mechanism to regulate their activities; and

(c) if so, whether Government have chalked out any scheme in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Minister of Defence has not made any statement as stated in part (a) & (b) of the Question.

On the basis of Ministry of Finance's instructions issued on 31st January, 1989 relating to Indian Agents of foreign suppliers for all the Ministries/Departments under the Government of India, supplementary instructions were issued by the Ministry of Defence in April, 1989 and in November, 2001 to regulate authorized Indian representatives/agents of foreign suppliers. The instructions provide for the regulation of representational arrangements through a system of registration, categorical and open declaration by the foreign suppliers of the services to be rendered by their authorized representatives/agents and the remuneration payable to them by way of fees, commission or any other method. So far no authorized Indian Representative/Agent has been registered by the Ministry of Defence in terms of these instructions.

Vacant Post of Registrar in Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi

1534. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Registrar in Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi has been vacant for a long time;

(b) whether the post is remaining vacant despite selection of suitable candidates and formal intimation to the candidates to join the institute in May, 2006;

(c) by when Government propose to fill up the vacancy; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) The post has been vacant since 31.1.2006.

(b) The selection could not be made as only one application was received against the vacancy circular issued by the Institute and the sole applicant did not meet the Qualitative Requirements (QRs) for the post.